yd January RUMOURS

There is great disagreement about the goods of the Great Carrack The Earl of Cumberland would claim them, having taken her when she was like to have carried away the Queen's ship, and had beaten Sir John Burgh's, but for the Queen's part it is alleged that by her prerogative she may challenge the services of all her subjects* ships, that are bound to help her at sea, and recompense them according to her princely bounty, which she would do liberally enough to the Earl, but for some that would make a profit by buying it at her hands All the others, that served the Queen, and Sir Walter Ralegh, receive only their pay, and are discontented at receiving so little out of so rich a prize, worth ^150,000, though indeed much of the richest is purloined and embezzled

The Lord Treasurer is much offended with the libels printed against him and lately brought over, it is thought that they will do no good to the Catholics, against whom a book is being written.

6th January PLAYS OF THE WEEK

The plays at the Rose Theatre this past week were *A Knack to Know a Knave* (twice), *The Jew of Malta, Sir John Maundemlk, The Jealous Comedy* (for the first *tw.e),Titus and Vesfaswn*

$tb January. THE WAR IN FRANCE

Fresh levies are demanded of the Lord Mayor of London and the Lords Lieutenant of ten counties for Normandy to the number of 1200, of which 450 are from the City, to be ready to

embark on the I2th February It is commanded that special care be taken in the choice of the men and their appointments

From Brittany it is reported that the English Captains are still prisoners, being held at extreme ransoms, especially the Sergeant-Major, for whom they demand 10,000 crowns If